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US Naval Attache discussed Iranian instructions re protection PANAM LSMs with Admiral Shahin who said Iranians did not want to cause trouble in carrying out these instructions but at same time Iranian authorities were not to allow Iraqis forcefully to board Iranian ship.

Admiral Shahin observed it probably would have been better if Iranians had informed Iraqis in advance that registry of LSM was being changed to Iranian. Admiral Shahin today requested Iranian Ministry of Customs and Monopolies so to inform Iraqis.

Admiral Shahin stated that according to custom and usage vessels of under 500 tons require no pilots and that Iraqis had no right to ask to be put aboard PANAM LSMs.

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